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SUBJ: VISIT OF SENIOR GOT OFFICIALS TO US

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1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND OTHER
GOT OFFICIALS, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT SEVERAL HIGH-LEVEL
GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN TO THE US WILL
BE ABLE TO VISIT, IF INVITED. THESE OFFICERS ARE:

MEHMET YUCELER, MINISTER OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

AHMET DURAKOGLU, UNDERSECRETARY TO PRIMIN AND HEAD OF INTER-
MINISTERIAL NARCOTICS GROUP.

YAVER KABAKCI, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE (TMO),
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

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PURPOSE OF TRIP, TO COMMENCE ABOUT JULY 15, WOULD BE TO
OBSERVE US AGRICULTURE WITH EMPHASIS ON RESEARCH, ADMINIS-
TRATION OF DOMESTIC PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING
ACREAGE CONTROL, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES OF MUTUAL INTEREST.
OBSERVATION PROGRAM WOULD BE TARGETED AT US OBJECTIVE OF
IMPRESSING ON GOT NEED FOR OPIUM POPPY PRODUCTION PROGRAM
MORE CLOSELY GEARED TO WORLD SUPPLY"DEMAND REQUIREMENTS.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES PROGRAM FOR VISITORS SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE AND ALLOW TIME FOR ADDITION OF APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS, AS NECESSARY. WE SUGGEST THAT FOLLOWING SCHEDULE MAY PERMIT US TO MEET PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

GENEVA (1 1/2 DAYS)--DISCUSS WORLD LICIT NARCOTICS SUPPLY AND DEMAND WITH UN OFFICIALS, AND VISIT UN LABORATORY CURRENTLY DOING RESEARCH ON OPIUM POPPIES.

NETHERLANDS (1 1/2 DAYS) -- VISIT DIOSYNTH PHARMECEUTICAL FACTORY IN APELDOORN TO OBSERVE STORAGE, HANDLING, AND PROCESSING OF POPPY STRAW. (DIOSYNTH IS MAJOR BUYER OF TURKISH POPPY STRAW AND PROCESSES STRAW FOR SEVERAL US PHARMECEUTICAL FIRMS).

WASHINGTON, DC (3 WORKING DAYS)-- MEET WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, AND DEA OFFICIALS, AS APPROPRIATE, AND VISIT USDA BELTSVILLE, MD SITE.

ST LOUIS, MO (2-3 DAYS)--VISIT MALLINCKRODT INC, AND OBSERVE GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, STORAGE AND MARKETING.

NEW ORLEANS OR OTHER GULF PORT (2 DAYS)--OBSERVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MODERN PORT FACILITIES, INCLUDING GRAIN HANDLING, INSPECTION, AND EXPORT.

MIAMI, FL (2 DAYS)--OBSERVE US CUSTOMS OPERATIONS AND JOINT CUSTOMS-COAST GUARD NARCOTICS INTERDICTION EFFORTS.

WASHINGTON, DC (1 DAY)--MAKE PROGRAM EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP ON ANY QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE ARISEN.

NEW YORK CITY (1 DAY)--PARTICIPATE IN CUSTOMS PROGRAM AND VISIT UN OFFICIALS, AS NECESSARY.

3. IF VISIT IS APPROVED, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY CAN AND SHOULD PROVIDE TURKISH ESCORT/INTERPRETER. EMBASSY EMPLOYEE OZKAYA OZDEMIR KNOWS ALL THREE PROPOSED VISITORS PERSONALLY. HIS ROLE AS ASSISTANT TO EMBASSY NARCOTICS OFFICER, SAMUELSON, WILL BE ENHANCED IF HE ACCOMPANIES GROUP BECAUSE OPPORTUNITY WILL BE CREATED FOR CONTINUING CLOSE CONTACTS WITH PARTICIPANTS FOLLOWING VISIT. OZDEMIR IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS ESCORT/INTERPRETER. DURING HIS PREVIOUS SERVICE WITH USADI, HE ACCOMPANIED 10 GROUPS OF VISITORS TO THE US, INCLUDING GOVERNORS, MAYORS, AND AGRICULTURAL

OFFICIALS IN THIS CAPACITY. WE RECOMMEND THAT OZDEMIR
BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCOMPANY VISITORS.

4. EMBOFF SAMUELSON HAS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED CONTACTS
FOR VISITORS WITH UN AND US MISSION OFFICERS IN GENEVA.
UN OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE WORLD
OPIUM SUPPLY/DEMAND DATA TO VISITORS. EMBOFF HAS
INFORMALLY DISCUSSED VISIT TO NETHERLANDS WITH DUTCH
EMBASSY OFFICER IN ANKARA WHO WILL CABLE THE HAGUE AND
DETERMINE IF DUTCH COMPANY PREPARED TO RECEIVE TURKISH
OFFICIALS.

5. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT VISIT OF THESE TOP-LEVEL GOT
OFFICIALS WILL BE IN US INTEREST AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY
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NOT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE TO IMPRESS ON POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS
PROBLEM OF TURKISH OVERPRODUCTION OF OPIUM POPPY STRAW
AND NEED TO ADOPT PROGRAM WHICH MAY MORE NEARLY MATCH
PRODUCTION TO WORLD DEMAND. FURTHERMORE, THE GOT
OFFICIALS WOULD BE EXPOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME TO THE BENEFIT
DERIVING FROM THE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY OF US AGRICULTURE
AND HOW SOME SEGMENTS COULD BE ADAPTED TO TURKISH
AGRICULTURE.

6. WE BELIEVE INVITATION SHOULD COME FROM DEPARTMENT OF
STATE, AND WE WILL SUBMIT PROPOSED INVITATION LETTER SEPTEL.
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